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SUBJ: AFRICA: SECRETARY'S BOSTON SPEECH

1. AHRAM AUGUST 5 CARRIES COMMENTARY SIGNED BY STAFFER ON
"US REALISM TOWARD AFRICA". ARTICLE, PRESUMABLY GENERATED BY
SECRETARY'S BOSTON SPEECH, SUGGESTS US HAS BEGUN TO FASHION
REALISTIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA, WHICH IS RICH IN GOLD, URANIUM,
AND DIAMONDS". WHILE SECRETARY CORRECTLY CONDEMNED RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, HE WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER, ARTICLE IMPLIES,
TO HAVE SAID STRAIGHT OUT THAT WHITES ARE IMPERIALISTS.
IF US IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT ITS NEW POLICY OF "REALISM",
MANY OF UPCOMING (UNSPECIFIED) PROBLEMS CAN BE AVOIDED AND
AFRICA MAY ESCAPE BITTER INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT.

2. COMMENT: MFA'S DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS BIDEIWI IMPLIED
TO POLCOUNTS AUGUST 5 THAT HE HAD INSPIRED AHRAM ARTICLE. ARTICLE
DOES ECHO MFA VIEWS, I.E., USG IS MAKING FINE SPEECHES ABOUT
SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT HAS SO FAR NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH IN
ANY IMPORTANT PRACTICAL WAY.

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3. POLCOUNS PROVIDED BIDEIWI FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY'S
SPEECH AND WE WILL MAKE SURE FAHMY GETS TEXT IN
ALEXANDRIA AUGUST 6. SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AND COPY OF SPEECH
WILL ALSO BE DELIVERED TO PRESIDENCY IN ALEXANDRIA
AT SAME TIME.
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